

Hidden Lake Association
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 27, 2021
Approved Minutes

OPENING:

President, Jay Cassella called the regular monthly board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 7:09 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2021.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

President, Jay Cassella
Vice President, Anthony Grandazzo
Recording Secretary, Lori-Ann Hoberman
Treasurer, Bob Kiehm
Financial Secretary, Sheri Berger
Board Member, Cindy Porriello

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Past President, Lloyd Pearson
Board Member, Victoria Nicholson
Board Member, Heather Edelson

Association Members Present:

Mary -Evelyn Wood
Tom Wood

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

President, Jay Cassella asks if all the BOG members have read the March 2021 minutes. All BOG members had read the minutes. Treasurer, Bob Kiehm added a line item and Financial Secretary, Sheri Berger had found some spelling errors. With these additions, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Board Member, Cindy Porriello and seconded by Vice President, Anthony Grandazzo.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer, Bob Kiehm reports that for the month of April the income was \$1648.66. Tax Collections were \$1646.64 and Interest Income was \$2.02. Expenditures for the month of April were \$3954.30. \$216.95 under Admin. Supplies & Expenses for Alan Stokke reimbursement for web hosting with WIX.com. \$80.85 under electricity for streetlights. \$14.50 under property maintenance to Bravo Landscaping, LLC. For Spring cleanup of the beaches and the Association property. \$856.50 under property maintenance additional to Jay Cassella for reimbursement for rental of the

backhoe from New England Rental (\$757.50 4 day rental plus \$99.00 delivery fee)
\$1350 under snow removal and sanding to Langer Landscaping for 2/19 snow storm
and sanding. **Comments:** None

Board Member, Cindy Porriello motioned to accept the Treasurer report and Financial
Secretary, Sheri Berger seconded.

* Please find the April 2021 Treasurer report attached.

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:

April 2021

Current Tax \$50,716.42

Total Current Tax collected: \$48,258.50

Back Taxes/Interest/Fees collected \$1,408.92

Total Collected: \$49,667.42

April deposits: \$1,646.64

SEPTIC REPORT:

No Report

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT:

No Report- Need a new chairperson

LAKE REPORT:

None

President, Jay Cassella states that Board Member, Victoria Nicholson will step down as
the chairperson for the Lake Committee. President, Jay Cassella will take over this
position until someone else steps forward. Victoria will continue as a lake committee
member.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

A special meeting will be organized by the By-Law Committee this coming week. The
meeting will allow for all details of the proposed By- Law changes to be completed prior
to the Annual Meeting.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

The Beautification Committee will be meeting over the next couple of weeks to start
planning for the new season. This Summer we'll be installing wooden flower boxes
around the two new signs with solar lights. The old barrels will be removed in those
areas and moved to the smaller mailbox huts.

Decorations will be going up again for Memorial Day, July 4th and for the Fall. Some of
the decorations have already been purchased, others may need to be replaced as we go
along. We've talked about putting permanent benches at each of the (3) beaches. The
beautiful new beach flower boxes will be filled with flowers next week.

In order to keep raising money to fund our various projects we'll start by hosting our
yearly tag sale on Saturday July 17th; items are already starting to come in and can be

dropped off at the Kiehm residence until July 15th. Our second fundraiser will be our Fall wine tasting. More information will be provided on that event in the next couple of months. The Beautification committee has a balance of \$844 left from last year. Most of that will be used up for the above mentioned projects.

We have purchased (3) more welcoming baskets for our new homeowners around the lake. It's a great way to personally meet new neighbors and to share with them HL happenings, events and more. The baskets are a gift from the board, committees, and HL neighbors.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No Report- Need a new chairperson

WEB REPORT:

No Report

FACEBOOK REPORT:

No Report

DAM REPORT:

No Report

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

The Beach drainage project is completed. All beaches except West Shore have sand. Additional sand is coming and will be placed at West Shore.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion surrounding the possibility of raising the Mill rate from 3.2 mils to 3.4 mils. The final Proposed new budget will be completed prior to the Annual Meeting.

Two line items will be added. A Lake Preservation Reserve holding \$20,000 and a Chip Seal Reserve holding \$10,000

This money placed in the reserves will stay there and not be touched. This will be our commitment to these projects.

The BOG voted unanimously to spend the additional \$600 for the sand that is needed for West Shore and the \$400 rental for the backhoe.

Recording Secretary, Lori-Ann Hoberman motioned that \$1000 for the sand and backhoe rental will come out of Property Maintenance and Treasurer, Bob Kiehm seconded.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Hoberman's are in the process of selling their home. We will need a new recording secretary. We thank Lori-Ann Hoberman for her service. And we also thank Barry for being the keeper of the key.

At 8:49 p.m. a motion was made by Vice President, Anthony Grandazzo and seconded by Treasurer, Bob Kiehm. The regular monthly meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was held on April 27, 2021 was adjourned.

The next regular board meeting will be June 28th at 7 p.m. at the Old Town Hall. The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, May 16th at 1 p.m. at the Old Town Hall building located at 30 Field Park Road, Haddam.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori-Ann Hoberman
Recording Secretary